

I agree that we need to "expand the number of players in local radio programming, which would give consumers more options, which would compel the industry's dinosaurs to deliver better service, or lose market share. There's really only one reason to ban satellite radio providers from delivering local coverage--to protect the existing radio industry from competition." Not to mention intruding on our first amendment rights.

I benefit from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its traffic and weather channels immensely. Being a salesperson through LA and Orange Counties in CA, I am searching for the most recent traffic and weather info many, many times through the day. I would not be able to service my clients half as well if I did not have the info that XM provides, especially channel 222. And on personal get-aways the fact that XM can come in clear all the way and I can get the content I want. Not to mention the rest of XM's programming is something that I listen to all day as well. I listen to FM as well, but limiting XM is just plain wrong. I pay for XM and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I ask the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.